

Child Health Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2013
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Anna Strong, Barbara Kumpe, Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis, Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Joanne McLendon, Megan Witonski, Michelle Justus, Nancy Dockter, Patricia Scott, Rosemary Rodibaugh **Absentees:** Brett Stone, Connie Whitfield, Michelle Smith, Paula Smith, Robyn Keene, Steve Anderson **Staff:** Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach

Next Meeting: November 14, 2013

Business

- ❖ Charlotte Davis made the motion to accept the September minutes as presented, and was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Policy Updates

- ❖ Anna Strong announced that the Affordable Care Act opened for business on October 1, 2013. Arkansas' waiver for coverage for low income families, (also known as Private Option), was approved by the Feds on September 28, 2013. There are proposed rules on the Medicaid website.
- ❖ Michelle Justus reported that she had tried contacting someone to find out the data source for the "F as in Fat" report. There were concerns that the findings were not correct for the state of Arkansas. In the report, Arkansas wasn't recognized as having any Farm to School programs. The report also claimed that there was no law on the books regarding PE/ PA minute recommendations. There were other concerns as well. She and Barbara Kumpe will continue trying to find out information on this.
- ❖ The Heart Association is still working with ADH to develop food procurement guidelines.
- ❖ Anna Strong reported that DHS sent out letters to SNAP recipients that were not previously enrolled in Medicaid. These letters were sent to approximately 132,000 households. Approximately 57,000 people have responded as being interested in signing up for the Private Option, including more than 2500 kids that have been enrolled in ArKids
- ❖ Dr. Scott and Joy Rockenbach met with Dr. Gordon Reeves of ADH Epidemiology, about creating an obesity data deck. This database will be used to collect data on obesity for the state of Arkansas. Dr. Reeves is hopeful that the database will be ready by January 2014. It will be accessible to the public, researchers, reporters, etc.

Affordable Care Act Presentation

- ❖ Anna Strong, Director of Health Care Policy, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, gave a presentation on the Affordable Care Act in Arkansas. She gave a brief background overview on the ACA. She explained the importance of this act and how beneficial it will be for the residents of Arkansas. Other topics discussed were: Coverage Available, Cost, and Timelines. For more information you may go to: www.arhealthconnector.org or www.healthcare.gov.

CHAC Priority Recommendations

- ❖ A document of the two Core Focus Areas and Recommendations was given to members at the September meeting for review. Core Focus Area 1: Physical Education and Physical Activity. Core Focus Area 2: Nutrition and Healthy School Environments. The group discussed focusing on these priority recommendations and eventually moving them forward to ADE. Barbara asked for a motion for these to be the key areas of focus in moving forward. Don Johnson made a motion to accept and was seconded by Joanne McLendon. The priority recommendations were unanimously approved. It was agreed that there will have to be more discussions in order to fine tune these recommendations.

Information Topics for 2014

- ❖ Nutrition Curriculum (Rosemary Rodibaugh)

Announcements/Public Comments

- ❖ Dr. Megan Witonski reported that the CSH Grant provided by the CDC, which has historically been interwoven with HIV and under the direction of ADE, has now been separated by the CDC. This last grant cycle ADH applied for the grant. The grant will now be housed at ADH. The CSH grant will be transitioning thru an MOA between ADH to Dawson Educational Coop, which will now house the CSH Coordinator for ADE. ADH and ADE are restructuring their former CSH Divisions, and ADE has changed the name to School Health Services. Dr. Witonski wanted to assure that everyone is still working to make the program be as robust as it has been in the past.
- ❖ Joy Rockenbach reported that the Chronic Disease Coordinating Council has requested to APHA to join forces and have the Chronic Disease Forum in conjunction with the APHA Conference. They need 25 APHA members to sign a petition in favor of combining the two.
- ❖ Kim Hooks announced that she will be presenting at the Southern Obesity Conference that will be held in Nashville, Tennessee in November on the CHPS/CHNS.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.